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REMARKS

The courtesy of the telephone discussion with the Examiner on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 is acknowledged, with thanks.

The claims have been amended to reflect the amendments discussed with the Examiner on Tuesday, April 4, 2006. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in previous claims 2, 5, 6 and 7. Previous claims 2, 5, 6 and 7 have been cancelled in view of the incorporation of the subject matter into independent claim 1. Claims 3 and 8 have been renumbered to be dependent from claim 1, rather than claim 2, in view of the cancellation of claim 2.

Similarly, claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of previous claims 12 and 14 and previous claims 12 and 14 have been cancelled. Previous claims 13, 15 and 17 have been amended to be dependent from claim 11 in view of the cancellation of previous claim 12.

Claim 18 has been amended to insert the subject matter of previous claims 19 and 20. Previous claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled. Previous claim 21 has been amended to be dependent from claim 18, rather than claim 20, which has now been cancelled.

These amendments were discussed with the Examiner and a proposed draft amendment was submitted for consideration on April 6, 2006. The Examiner's indication that these amendments likely overcome the objections raised in the Final Office Action is acknowledged, with thanks. The Examiner's assistance to move this application forward towards allowance is also acknowledged, with thanks. In passing, it is noted that these amendments are being made without prejudice to the subject matter recited in the cancelled claims and without prejudice to the applicant submitting a further continuation or continuation-in-part application reciting subject matter similar to the previous claims in the future. Of course, any terminal disclaimer which may be required can be addressed when, and if, any further continuation application has been filed.

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If for any reason the Examiner is of the view that this application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (416) 961-5000 so that an interview or telephone conference may be arranged to expedite allowance of this case.

Under separate cover, a request has been made for a three month extension of time to permit the filing of the response. It is hereby further petitioned under 37 CFR 1-1336 that the response term of this application be further extended, if necessary, to a date which would include the filing date of the present amendment and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary extension fee to deposit account no. 18-1350, under an order number corresponding to attorney docket number P110501.

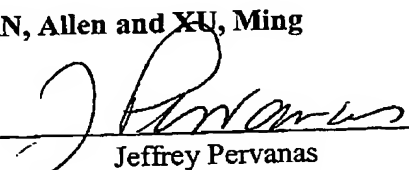
Favourable consideration and disposition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully requested

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